



NEWS & UPDATES

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Rick is much improved after an eventful week.

Early last Wednesday morning Rick fell after getting out of bed to try to stop a leg cramp. He broke two ribs and he was treated and x-rayed in a Lexington hospital. He was released later that morning and went back home to rest.

While at home, his ribs were bleeding and his lung popped on the left side. This unanticipated bleeding caused Rick's condition to become critical and he was rushed to the hospital in an ambulance. He had a chest tube placed to drain blood and expand his lung. Although this was not directly caused by Rick's cancer, the chemotherapy made him much more likely to bleed.

Rick's condition was upgraded to stable by Thursday morning, and he dramatically improved during the day.

His improvement continued daily and Rick was released from the hospital yesterday afternoon. He is home where he will continue healing from this temporary setback. Rick is eating well and getting exercise by walking. His doctors anticipate Rick will be back on track with chemotherapy. Meanwhile, the risk of infection requires that Rick have restricted contact with people.

Rick and his family are very grateful for your thoughts and prayers. His spirits are uplifted by your well wishes.